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NEWS RELEASE

TO: Area Media Outlets

FROM: Dominic Smith

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RE: New Immunization Requirement for Ages 11-18 Years Old

The Bay County Health Department will hold a special walk-in immunization clinic on Friday, September 24th, from 1:00pm to 7:00pm. The clinic will be held at the Bay County Health Department. Children beginning 6th grade this upcoming school year, and *any* child from 11 to 18 years of age enrolled in a new school district will need the following vaccinations:

- One dose of Meningococcal vaccine
- One dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine, and
- Two doses of Varicella (Chickenpox)

Older children, who have not received these shots, will also need these vaccinations. This clinic is specifically for children who have insurance with copays and deductibles. There is an administration fee of \$14.25 per vaccine. However, no child eligible for Federally Funded Vaccine will be denied State required immunizations for inability to pay. Vaccines supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. For more information or regularly scheduled appointments, call (989)895-4009, select option 2.